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<p align="center">Advisory Action Before the Filing of an Appeal Brief</p>	Application No. 10/527,486	Applicant(s) JOERESSEN ET AL.	
	Examiner Alicia M. Lewis	Art Unit 2164	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 13 August 2008 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

1. ☒ The reply was filed after a final rejection, but prior to or on the same day as filing a Notice of Appeal. To avoid abandonment of this application, applicant must timely file one of the following replies: (1) an amendment, affidavit, or other evidence, which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee) in compliance with 37 CFR 41.31; or (3) a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114. The reply must be filed within one of the following time periods:

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☒ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.

Examiner Note: If box 1 is checked, check either box (a) or (b). ONLY CHECK BOX (b) WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

NOTICE OF APPEAL

2. ☐ The Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. A brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.37 must be filed within two months of the date of filing the Notice of Appeal (37 CFR 41.37(a)), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 41.37(e)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal. Since a Notice of Appeal has been filed, any reply must be filed within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 41.37(a).

AMENDMENTS

3. ☐ The proposed amendment(s) filed after a final rejection, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because
- (a) ☐ They raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ They raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☐ They are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ They present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____. (See 37 CFR 1.116 and 41.33(a)).

4. ☐ The amendments are not in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121. See attached Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (PTOL-324).
5. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
6. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
7. ☒ For purposes of appeal, the proposed amendment(s): a) ☐ will not be entered, or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.
- The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:
- Claim(s) allowed: _____.
- Claim(s) objected to: _____.
- Claim(s) rejected: 1-3,6-8,10-13 and 15.
- Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: 4,5,9,14 and 16.

AFFIDAVIT OR OTHER EVIDENCE

8. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after a final action, but before or on the date of filing a Notice of Appeal will not be entered because applicant failed to provide a showing of good and sufficient reasons why the affidavit or other evidence is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 1.116(e).
9. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence filed after the date of filing a Notice of Appeal, but prior to the date of filing a brief, will not be entered because the affidavit or other evidence failed to overcome all rejections under appeal and/or appellant fails to provide a showing a good and sufficient reasons why it is necessary and was not earlier presented. See 37 CFR 41.33(d)(1).
10. ☐ The affidavit or other evidence is entered. An explanation of the status of the claims after entry is below or attached.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION/OTHER

11. ☒ The request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because:
See Continuation Sheet.
12. ☐ Note the attached Information *Disclosure Statement*(s). (PTO/SB/08) Paper No(s). _____
13. ☐ Other: _____.

/Charles Rones/
Supervisory Patent Examiner, Art Unit 2164

Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant argues that the cited references fail to disclose wherein generating the character subset with the inference logic comprises identifying a start of an entry of the new word, and inserting, into the character subset, the most probable letter stored in the database of words for starting a new word. Examiner disagrees. Dostie teaches that when a user selects the space bar or a period while constructing a partial entry, the system is programmed to terminate the search for the next letter(s) and prepare for a new search based on a new partial entry. The act of pressing a space bar, period or other non-alphabetic character is used to denote an implicit end of the current search (word entry), and the start of a new search (new word entry) (paragraph 181). Therefore, it is clear that Dostie teaches identifying the start of an entry of a new word. Furthermore, the act of selecting a character (after a search has terminated) identifies a start of an entry of a new word.

Dostie further teaches that when a user enters at least one character, the system automatically begins searching for completion candidates and displays the completion candidates on a user interface (paragraphs 79 and 82). He further teaches that the system may also display a predicted set of next probable characters (element 28c in Figure 29, paragraph 252). Applicant argues that only once at least one character is entered, does the system display a predicted set of next probable characters, and thus the completion candidates or next most probable characters are not equivalent to the most probable letters for starting a new word. Examiner disagrees. The claims do not explicitly define what is considered the start of a new word (i.e., the first letter, the first three letters, etc.) Furthermore, claim 1 recites, in part, "the most probable letters...for starting the new word"; this implies that more than one letter is considered the start of a word. Although Dostie requires a user to enter at least one character, the character subset or completion candidates displayed thereafter may still be considered the most probable letters for starting the new word. There is no limitation that prohibits a letter(s) from being entered when identifying the most probable letters for starting a new word.